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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2001 that made a restriction requirement between the following groups:

Group I - claims 1-6 and 14 drawn to phytases, and

Group II – claims 7-13 drawn to DNA.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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